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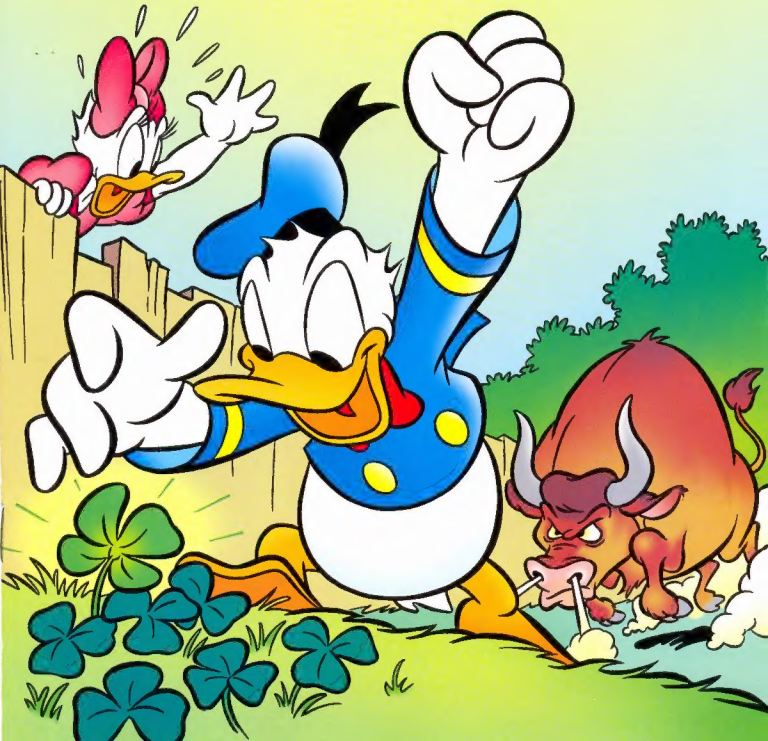

November is here and Thanksgiving is almost upon us (those of us in the U.S., that is). With that in mind, I began reflecting on all the things we have to be thankful for. All of our standard blessings came to mind, of course. All of the freedoms we enjoy in today's society — freedom of expression, freedom of religion, and others. The comforts of home — television, air conditioning, microwaves, even things as basic as electricity and running water — that our forebears scarcely dreamt of. But then my mind (being what it is) took a bent toward what we have to be thankful about with regard to comic books!

Well, primarily, production values, printing methods, and paper quality have never been better. I look back on the books I bought as a kid and have to remark on their poor quality. They were printed on old worn-out letter presses, color separation was done by hand (with coarse screens and a limited range of flat colors) and the paper was newsprint with such a high acid content that it deteriorated after just a few years. Today, using computer technology for color separations, we're able to utilize a color palette of literally thousands of colors and techniques for shading and blending, giving the end product a subtle and classy look that was unattainable in the past. Today, we print on high-speed offset presses that are capable of ink density, line fidelity, and exactness of registration undreamed of in the old letterpress days. And finally, today we use paper whose quality is such that it bears up under handling and withstands the ravages of time so the books you're buying now will (with proper care) truly last a lifetime. All of this for comparatively more than books used to cost in the "good old days," admittedly. But I think it's worth it!

See you next month.

— John Clark

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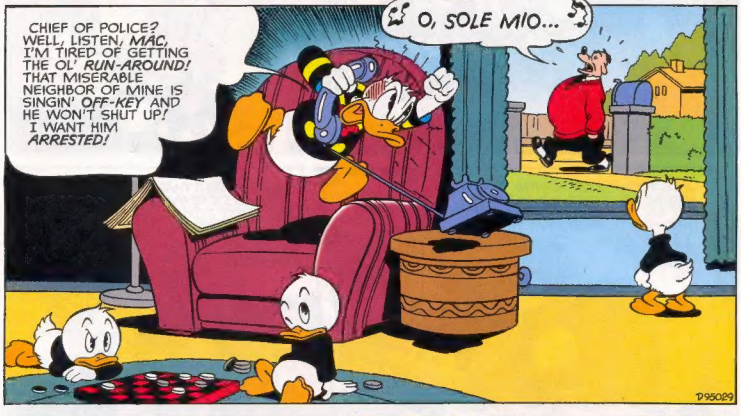
CHIEF OF POLICE? WELL, LISTEN, MAC, I'M TIRED OF GETTING THE OL' RUN-AROUND! THAT MISERABLE NEIGHBOR OF MINE IS SINGIN' OFF-KEY AND HE WON'T SHUT UP! I WANT HIM ARRESTED!
O, SOLE MIO...
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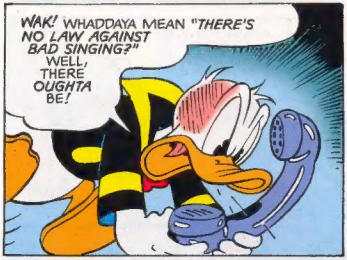
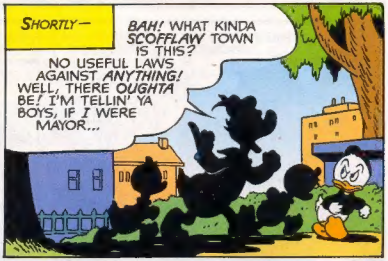
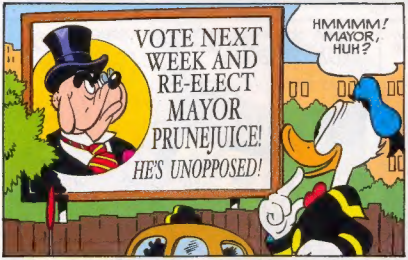
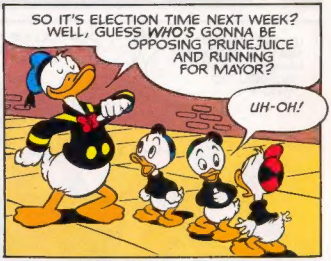
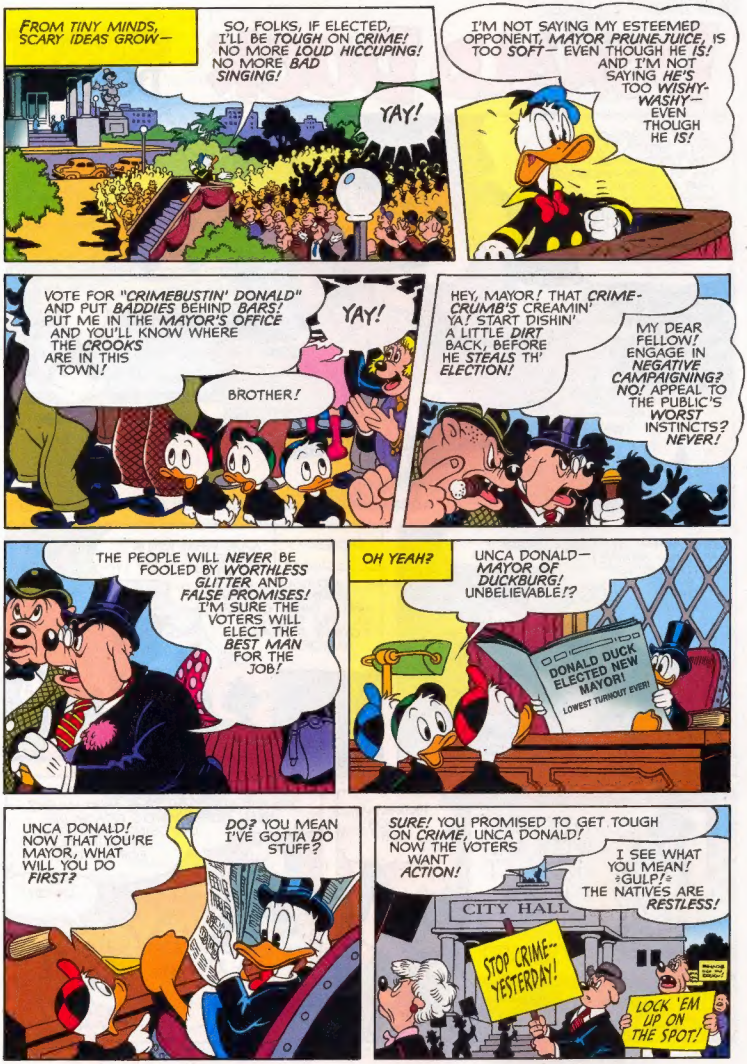
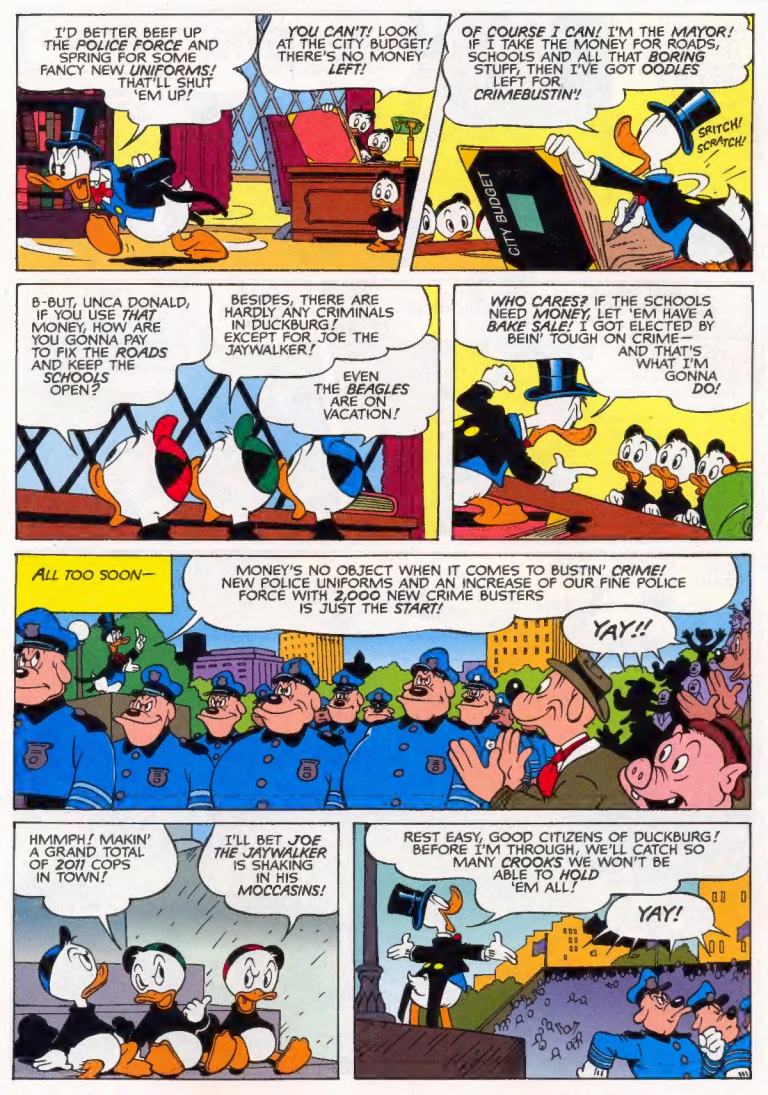


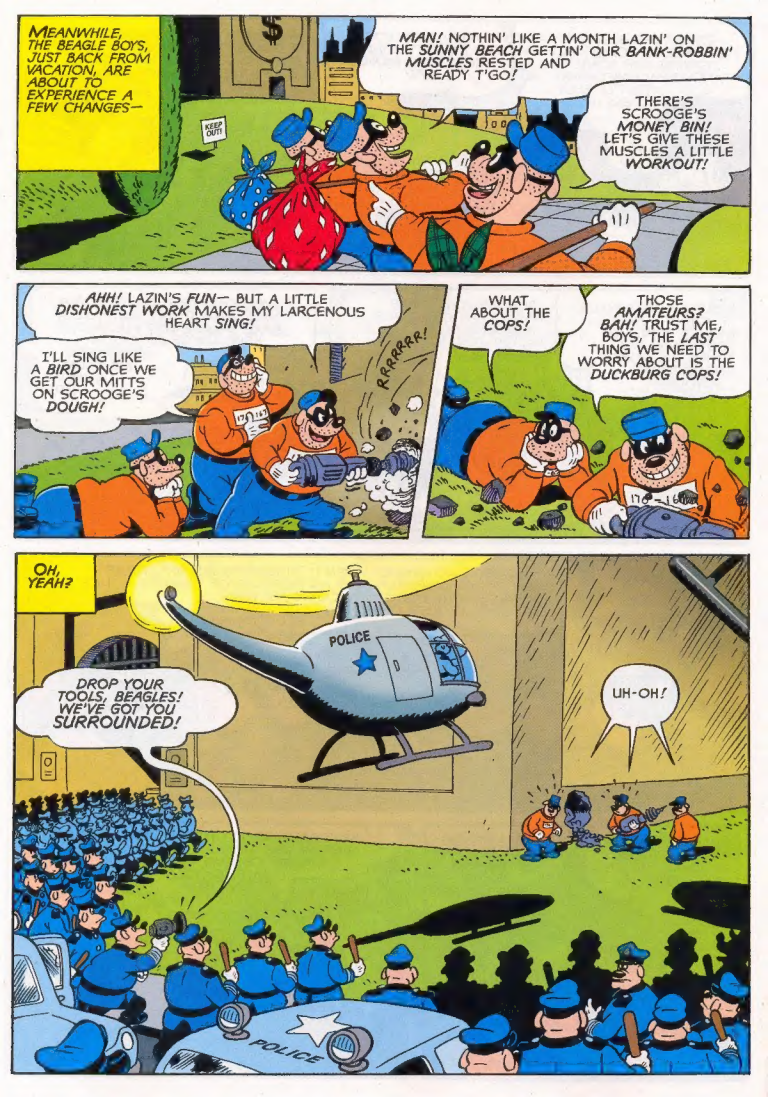

SHORTLY—
BAH! WHAT KINDA SCOFFLAW TOWN IS THIS?
NO USEFUL LAWS AGAINST ANYTHING! WELL, THERE OUGHTA BE! I'M TELLIN' YA BOYS, IF I WERE MAYOR...



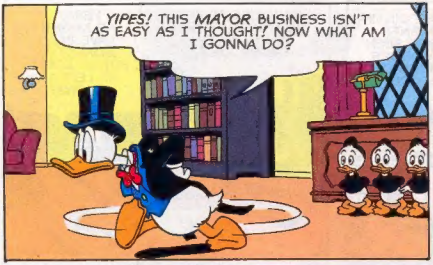



FROM TINY MINDS, SCARY IDEAS GROW—
SO, FOLKS, IF ELECTED, I'LL BE TOUGH ON CRIME! NO MORE LOUD HICCUPING! NO MORE BAD SINGING!
YAY!
I'M NOT SAYING MY ESTEEMED OPPONENT, MAYOR PRUNEJUICE, IS TOO SOFT— EVEN THOUGH HE IS! AND I'M NOT SAYING HE'S TOO WISHY-WASHY— EVEN THOUGH HE IS!
VOTE FOR "CRIMEBUSTIN' DONALD" AND PUT BADDIES BEHIND BARS! PUT ME IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND YOU'LL KNOW WHERE THE CROOKS ARE IN THIS TOWN!
YAY!
BROTHER!
HEY, MAYOR! THAT CRIME-CRUMB'S CREAMIN' YA! START DISHIN' A LITTLE DIRT BACK, BEFORE HE STEALS TH' ELECTION!
MY DEAR FELLOW! ENGAGE IN NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING? NO! APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC'S WORST INSTINCTS? NEVER!
THE PEOPLE WILL NEVER BE FOOLED BY WORTHLESS GLITTER AND FALSE PROMISES! I'M SURE THE VOTERS WILL ELECT THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB!
OH YEAH?
UNCA DONALD— MAYOR OF DUCKBURG! UNBELIEVABLE!?
DONALD DUCK ELECTED NEW MAYOR! LOWEST TURNOUT EVER!
UNCA DONALD! NOW THAT YOU'RE MAYOR, WHAT WILL YOU DO FIRST?
DO? YOU MEAN I'VE GOTTA DO STUFF?
SURE! YOU PROMISED TO GET TOUGH ON CRIME, UNCA DONALD! NOW THE VOTERS WANT ACTION!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN! ≠GULP!≠ THE NATIVES ARE RESTLESS!
CITY HALL
STOP CRIME-- YESTERDAY!
LOCK 'EM UP ON THE SPOT!

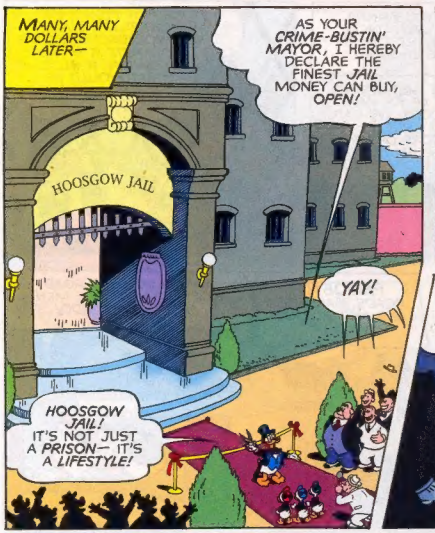

I'D BETTER BEEF UP THE POLICE FORCE AND SPRING FOR SOME FANCY NEW UNIFORMS! THAT'LL SHUT 'EM UP!
YOU CAN'T! LOOK AT THE CITY BUDGET! THERE'S NO MONEY LEFT!
OF COURSE I CAN! I'M THE MAYOR! IF I TAKE THE MONEY FOR ROADS, SCHOOLS AND ALL THAT BORING STUFF, THEN I'VE GOT OODLES LEFT FOR CRIMEBUSTIN'!
CITY BUDGET
SKRITCH! SCRATCH!
B-BUT, UNCA DONALD, IF YOU USE THAT MONEY, HOW ARE YOU GONNA PAY TO FIX THE ROADS AND KEEP THE SCHOOLS OPEN?
BESIDES, THERE ARE HARDLY ANY CRIMINALS IN DUCKBURG! EXCEPT FOR JOE THE JAYWALKER!
EVEN THE BEAGLES ARE ON VACATION!
WHO CARES? IF THE SCHOOLS NEED MONEY, LET 'EM HAVE A BAKE SALE! I GOT ELECTED BY BEIN' TOUGH ON CRIME— AND THAT'S WHAT I'M GONNA DO!
ALL TOO SOON—
MONEY'S NO OBJECT WHEN IT COMES TO BUSTIN' CRIME! NEW POLICE UNIFORMS AND AN INCREASE OF OUR FINE POLICE FORCE WITH 2,000 NEW CRIME BUSTERS IS JUST THE START!
YAY!!
HMMPH! MAKIN' A GRAND TOTAL OF 2017 COPS IN TOWN!
I'LL BET JOE THE JAYWALKER IS SHAKING IN HIS MOCCASINS!
REST EASY, GOOD CITIZENS OF DUCKBURG! BEFORE I'M THROUGH, WE'LL CATCH SO MANY CROOKS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD 'EM ALL!
YAY!

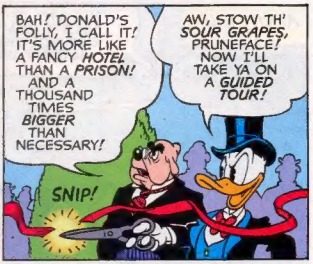

MEANWHILE, THE BEAGLE BOYS, JUST BACK FROM VACATION, ARE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE A FEW CHANGES—
KEEP OUT!
MAN! NOTHIN' LIKE A MONTH LAZIN' ON THE SUNNY BEACH GETTIN' OUR BANK-ROBBIN' MUSCLES RESTED AND READY T'GO!
THERE'S SCROOGE'S MONEY BIN! LET'S GIVE THESE MUSCLES A LITTLE WORKOUT!
AHH! LAZIN'S FUN— BUT A LITTLE DISHONEST WORK MAKES MY LARCENOUS HEART SING!
I'LL SING LIKE A BIRD ONCE WE GET OUR MITTS ON SCROOGE'S DOUGH!
R-RRRRR!
WHAT ABOUT THE COPS!
THOSE AMATEURS? BAH! TRUST ME, BOYS, THE LAST THING WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IS THE DUCKBURG COPS!
OH, YEAH?
POLICE
DROP YOUR TOOLS, BEAGLES! WE'VE GOT YOU SURROUNDED!
UH-OH!
POLICE

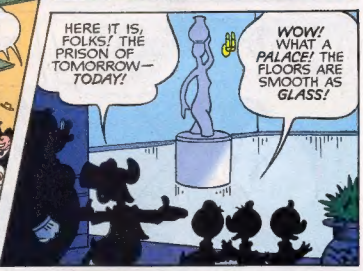
MOVE IT, BEAGLES! YOUR JAIL CELLS ARE READY AND WAITING!
WHAT A DISAPPOINTIN' DEVELOPMENT! I AIN'T EVER SEEN SO MANY COPS IN ONE PLACE BEFORE!
POLICE
BAH! THIS NEVER WOULDA HAPPENED WITH MAYOR PRUNEJUICE!
YEAH! HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DISHONEST — BUT AT LEAST HE LEFT US ALONE!
617
AT CITY HALL—
BUT WHY DO YOU WANNA BUILD A NEW JAIL, UNCLE DONALD? THE OLD ONE'S ALREADY BIG ENOUGH!
SIMPLE ARITHMETIC, BOYS! AS WE HAVE MORE COPS, WE CATCH MORE CROOKS! AND MORE CROOKS MEAN WE NEED MORE JAILS!
WE GOT PLENTY OF MONEY LEFT OVER! YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO WASTE IT BY NOT SPENDIN' IT ALL? THAT WOULD BE CRIMINAL!
WHAT ABOUT SPENDIN' IT FIXIN' ROADS, PICKIN' UP GARBAGE OR REPAIRIN' SCHOOLS!
PHOOEY! ROADS, GARBAGE CANS AND SCHOOLS DON'T VOTE!
MAYBE NOT, BUT ROAD WORKERS, GARBAGE MEN AND TEACHERS DO!
THEY'RE LOSIN' THEIR JOBS BECAUSE YOU'RE USIN' MONEY TO FIGHT CRIME!
=GULP!= SO THEY ARE, BOYS! AND ANGRY VOTERS MAKE THE MIGHTIEST POLITICIANS TREMBLE!
CITY HALL
WE WANT JOBS!
MORE JOBS OR ELSE!
WHERE'S OUR JOBS?
THROW TH' BUM OUT!
JOBS NOW!

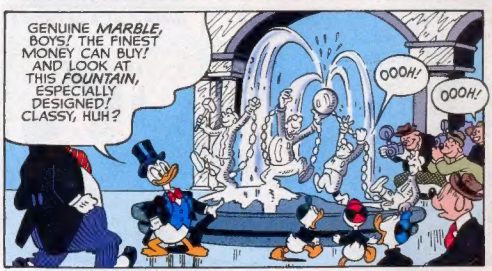

YIPES! THIS MAYOR BUSINESS ISN'T AS EASY AS I THOUGHT! NOW WHAT AM I GONNA DO?

I KNOW! I'LL GIVE 'EM ALL JOBS AT MY NEW JAIL! THEY'LL BE SO GRATEFUL, I'LL BE RE-ELECTED BY A LANDSLIDE!


MANY, MANY DOLLARS LATER—
AS YOUR CRIME-BUSTIN' MAYOR, I HEREBY DECLARE THE FINEST JAIL MONEY CAN BUY, OPEN!
HOOSGOW JAIL
YAY!
HOOSGOW JAIL! IT'S NOT JUST A PRISON— IT'S A LIFESTYLE!

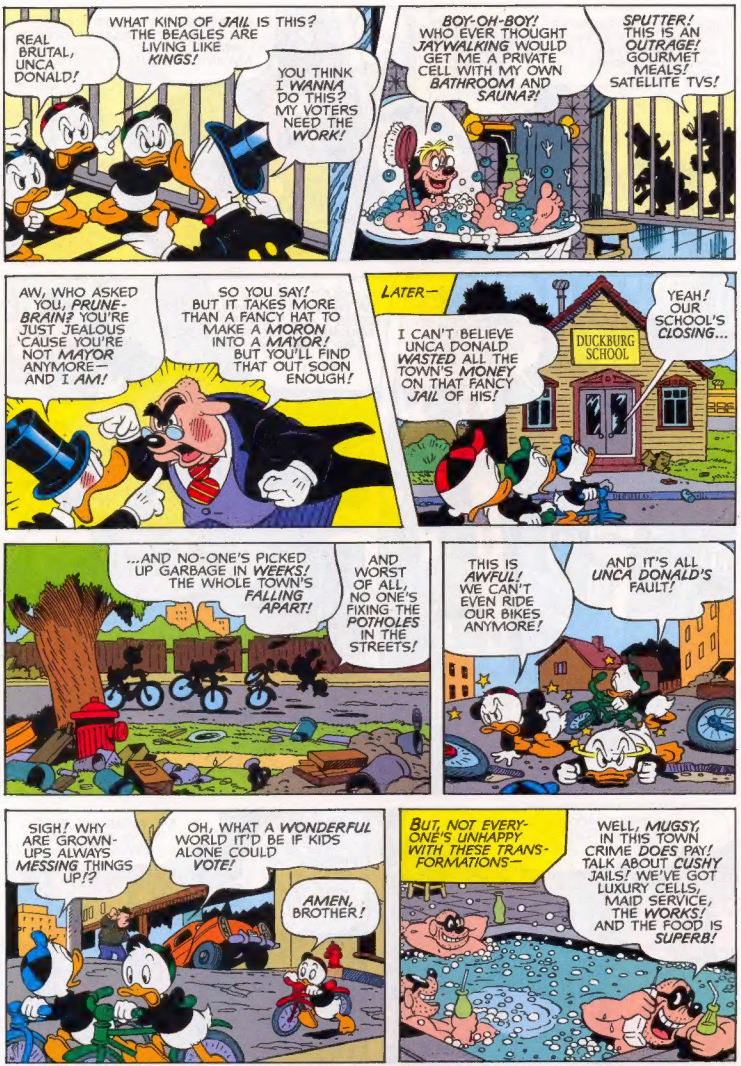

BAH! DONALD'S FOLLY, I CALL IT! IT'S MORE LIKE A FANCY HOTEL THAN A PRISON! AND A THOUSAND TIMES BIGGER THAN NECESSARY!
AW, STOW TH' SOUR GRAPES, PRUNEFACE! NOW I'LL TAKE YA ON A GUIDED TOUR!
SNIP!


HERE IT IS, FOLKS! THE PRISON OF TOMORROW— TODAY!
WOW! WHAT A PALACE! THE FLOORS ARE SMOOTH AS GLASS!

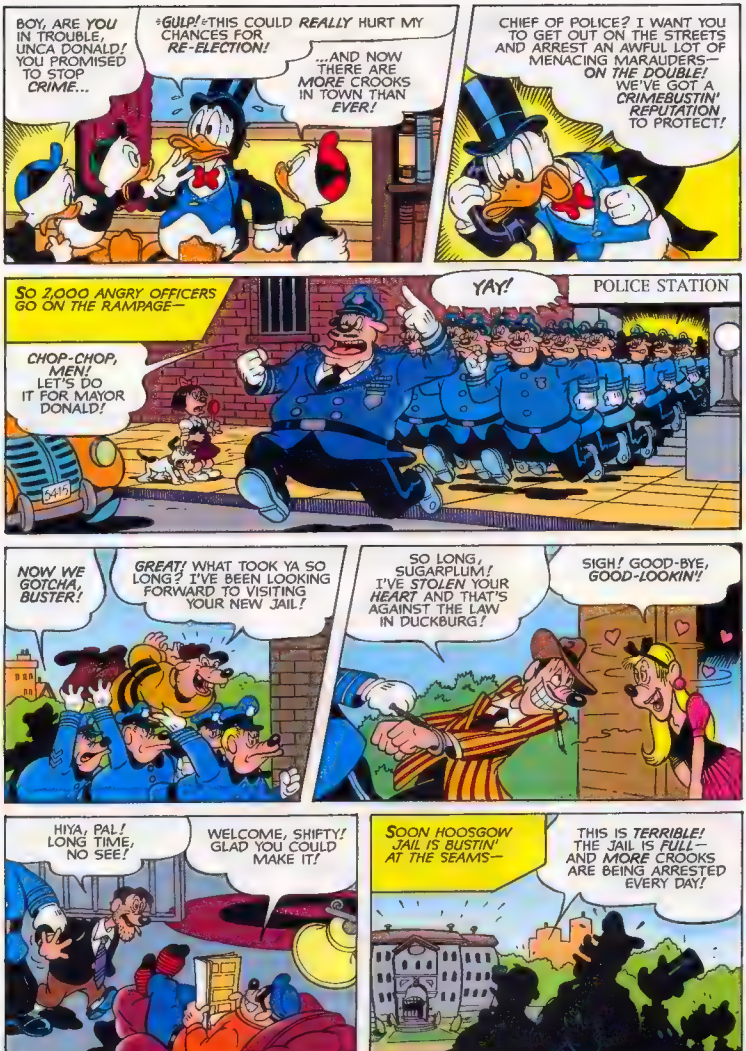

GENUINE MARBLE, BOYS! THE FINEST MONEY CAN BUY! AND LOOK AT THIS FOUNTAIN, ESPECIALLY DESIGNED! CLASSY, HUH?
OOOH!
OOOH!

SPUTTER! WASTEFUL, I SAY! WHY DO FELONS NEED FANCY FOUNTAINS? WHY ARE YOU SPENDING THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY THIS WAY?

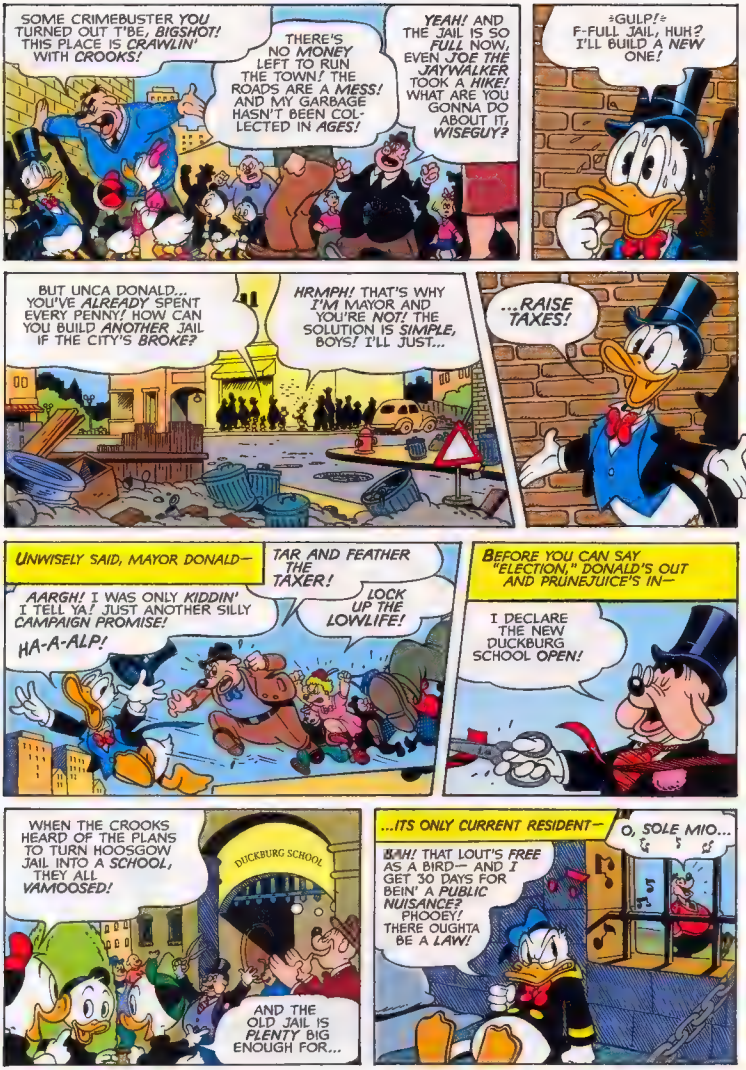
BECAUSE THE TAXPAYERS HAVE ELECTED ME T'SPEND MONEY ON CRIMEBUSTIN', PRUNEHEAD— AND THAT'S WHAT I'M DOIN'! NOW, MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
BUT NOW LET'S TAKE A PEEK AT SOME ACTUAL PRISONERS INCARCERATED UP IN MY NEW MAXIMUM-SECURITY-PENTHOUSE-SUITE CELLS! FOLLOW ME, FOLKS!
OH, BROTHER! LOOK AT THOSE FANCY CELLS! AND THESE SWANKY GLASS ELEVATORS!
FOURTH FLOOR, JAYWALKERS! FIFTH FLOOR, MAXIMUM SECURITY!
BEHOLD! HERE ARE THE STATE OF THE ART, PENTHOUSE SUITE CELLS— GUARANTEED TO MAKE EVEN THE TOUGHEST CROOK QUIVER!
=GASP!=
AHH! THIS PRUNE PIE IS DELICIOUS!
WAITER! MORE SODA-POP! AND THEN FLUFF MY PILLOWS AT ONCE!
TRIXIE, AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED MY NAILS, BE A DEAR AND SHINE MY SHOES!
MY PLEASURE, SIR! WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU!


REAL BRUTAL, UNCA DONALD!
WHAT KIND OF JAIL IS THIS? THE BEAGLES ARE LIVING LIKE KINGS!
YOU THINK I WANNA DO THIS? MY VOTERS NEED THE WORK!
BOY-OH-BOY! WHO EVER THOUGHT JAYWALKING WOULD GET ME A PRIVATE CELL WITH MY OWN BATHROOM AND SAUNA?!
SPUTTER! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! GOURMET MEALS! SATELLITE TVS!
AW, WHO ASKED YOU, PRUNE-BRAIN? YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS 'CAUSE YOU'RE NOT MAYOR ANYMORE— AND I AM!
SO YOU SAY! BUT IT TAKES MORE THAN A FANCY HAT TO MAKE A MORON INTO A MAYOR! BUT YOU'LL FIND THAT OUT SOON ENOUGH!
LATER—
I CAN'T BELIEVE UNCA DONALD WASTED ALL THE TOWN'S MONEY ON THAT FANCY JAIL OF HIS!
DUCKBURG SCHOOL
YEAH! OUR SCHOOL'S CLOSING...
...AND NO-ONE'S PICKED UP GARBAGE IN WEEKS! THE WHOLE TOWN'S FALLING APART!
AND WORST OF ALL, NO ONE'S FIXING THE POTHOLES IN THE STREETS!
THIS IS AWFUL! WE CAN'T EVEN RIDE OUR BIKES ANYMORE!
AND IT'S ALL UNCA DONALD'S FAULT!
SIGH! WHY ARE GROWN-UPS ALWAYS MESSING THINGS UP!?
OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD IT'D BE IF KIDS ALONE COULD VOTE!
AMEN, BROTHER!
BUT, NOT EVERY-ONE'S UNHAPPY WITH THESE TRANS-FORMATIONS—
WELL, MUGSY, IN THIS TOWN CRIME DOES PAY! TALK ABOUT CUSHY JAILS! WE'VE GOT LUXURY CELLS, MAID SERVICE, THE WORKS! AND THE FOOD IS SUPERB!

WOW! THAT SOUNDS GREAT, 176-167! I'LL SPREAD THE WORD!
MEANWHILE THE MAYOR IS HARD AT WORK—
HMM! FROM NOW ON, I'M MAKING IT AGAINST THE LAW TO CROON OUT OF TUNE! NIX ON IRRITATING SNIFFLING TOO! AND UGLY BEARDS ARE DEFINITELY OUT— ESPECIALLY ON WOMEN!
UNCA DONALD! UNCA DONALD!
QUIET, SPROUTS! IT TAKES A LOT OF LAWS TO KEEP A POLICE FORCE BUSY! NOW WHERE WAS I? NO COOKING CABBAGE ON TUESDAYS...
DON'T WORRY! THE COPS'LL BE BUSY! LOOK OUTSIDE!
AAARGH!
CROOKS GALORE! IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES—
GROAN! THIS IS TERRIBLE! A CROOK INFESTATION! THOUSANDS OF THEM— AND NONE OF THEM REGISTERED VOTERS!
EEEEK!
HELP!
CITY HALL
Department
DUCKINGDALES
Store
Jewellers
DUCKBURG BANK


BOY, ARE YOU IN TROUBLE, UNCA DONALD! YOU PROMISED TO STOP CRIME...
GULP! THIS COULD REALLY HURT MY CHANCES FOR RE-ELECTION!
...AND NOW THERE ARE MORE CROOKS IN TOWN THAN EVER!
CHIEF OF POLICE? I WANT YOU TO GET OUT ON THE STREETS AND ARREST AN AWFUL LOT OF MENACING MARAUDERS— ON THE DOUBLE! WE'VE GOT A CRIMEBUSTIN' REPUTATION TO PROTECT!
SO 2,000 ANGRY OFFICERS GO ON THE RAMPAGE—
YAY!
POLICE STATION
CHOP-CHOP, MEN! LET'S DO IT FOR MAYOR DONALD!
NOW WE GOTCHA, BUSTER!
GREAT! WHAT TOOK YA SO LONG? I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING YOUR NEW JAIL!
SO LONG, SUGARPLUM! I'VE STOLEN YOUR HEART AND THAT'S AGAINST THE LAW IN DUCKBURG!
SIGH! GOOD-BYE, GOOD-LOOKIN'!
HIYA, PAL! LONG TIME, NO SEE!
WELCOME, SHIFTY! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!
SOON HOOSGOW JAIL IS BUSTIN' AT THE SEAMS—
THIS IS TERRIBLE! THE JAIL IS FULL— AND MORE CROOKS ARE BEING ARRESTED EVERY DAY!

PIPE DOWN, PRUNENOSE! FIRST YOU BELLYACHE ABOUT TH' JAIL BEIN' TOO BIG, AND NOW IT'S 'BOUT IT BEIN' TOO SMALL!
SPUTTER! THE OLD JAIL WAS QUITE SPACIOUS ENOUGH— UNTIL YOU MADE DUCKBURG A PRIME VACATION SPOT FOR CROOKS!
WELL, I PUT 'EM IN, SO I CAN TAKE 'EM OUT! JUST WATCH ME PARDON THOSE MISERABLE CROOKS!
HERE, CHIEF— RELEASE 'EM EARLY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR!
=GULP!= Y-YESSIR!
...AND STAY OUT!
HEY, THIS AIN'T FAIR! WE'RE DANGEROUS CRIMINALS! AIN'T WE GOT RIGHTS TOO?
KICK!
THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT! NOW I BET THOSE LAZY, GOOD-FOR-NOTHIN'S MIGHT THINK TWICE ABOUT TRYIN' TO GET ARRESTED AGAIN!
OH, YEAH?
OFFICER! I'M WEARIN' A LOUD, UGLY SUIT! ARREST ME!
DON'T YOU DARE, OFFICER! HE'S NOT GETTING BACK IN JAIL THAT EASY!
HE HAS TO ARREST HIM, UNCA DONALD! IT'S THE LAW!
YEAH! YOU WROTE THAT ONE LAST WEEK, REMEMBER?
SCREEEEECH! OH, DONALD IS A SILLY GOOSE...
OUCH! STOP THAT HORRIBLE SINGING, YOU MISERABLE BEAGLES, OR I'LL HAVE YOU ARRES... ER, NEVER MIND!
OH FOR THE DAYS WHEN I WAS A SIMPLE IRATE TAXPAYER!


SOME CRIMEBUSTER YOU TURNED OUT T'BE, BIGSHOT! THIS PLACE IS CRAWLIN' WITH CROOKS!
THERE'S NO MONEY LEFT TO RUN THE TOWN! THE ROADS ARE A MESS! AND MY GARBAGE HASN'T BEEN COLLECTED IN AGES!
YEAH! AND THE JAIL IS SO FULL NOW, EVEN JOE THE JAYWALKER TOOK A HIKE! WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT, WISEGUY?
≠GULP!≠ F-FULL JAIL, HUH? I'LL BUILD A NEW ONE!
BUT UNCA DONALD... YOU'VE ALREADY SPENT EVERY PENNY! HOW CAN YOU BUILD ANOTHER JAIL IF THE CITY'S BROKE?
HRMPH! THAT'S WHY I'M MAYOR AND YOU'RE NOT! THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLE, BOYS! I'LL JUST...
...RAISE TAXES!
UNWISELY SAID, MAYOR DONALD—
AARGH! I WAS ONLY KIDDIN' I TELL YA! JUST ANOTHER SILLY CAMPAIGN PROMISE!
HA-A-ALP!
TAR AND FEATHER THE TAXER!
LOCK UP THE LOWLIFE!
BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "ELECTION," DONALD'S OUT AND PRUNEJUICE'S IN—
I DECLARE THE NEW DUCKBURG SCHOOL OPEN!
WHEN THE CROOKS HEARD OF THE PLANS TO TURN HOOSGOW JAIL INTO A SCHOOL, THEY ALL VAMOOSED!
DUCKBURG SCHOOL
AND THE OLD JAIL IS PLENTY BIG ENOUGH FOR...
...ITS ONLY CURRENT RESIDENT—
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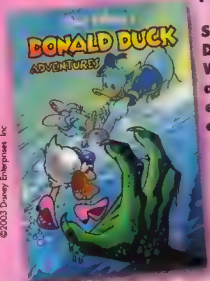

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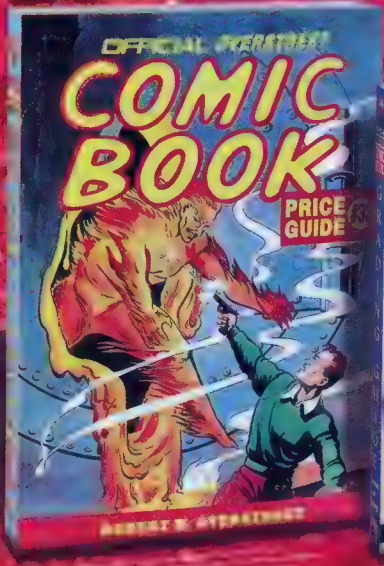

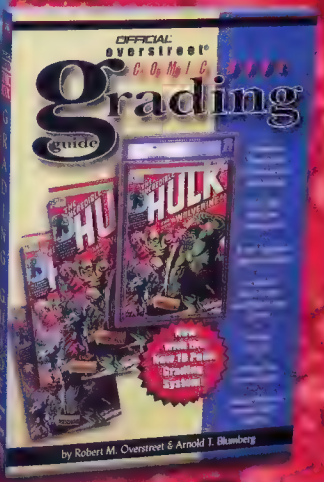

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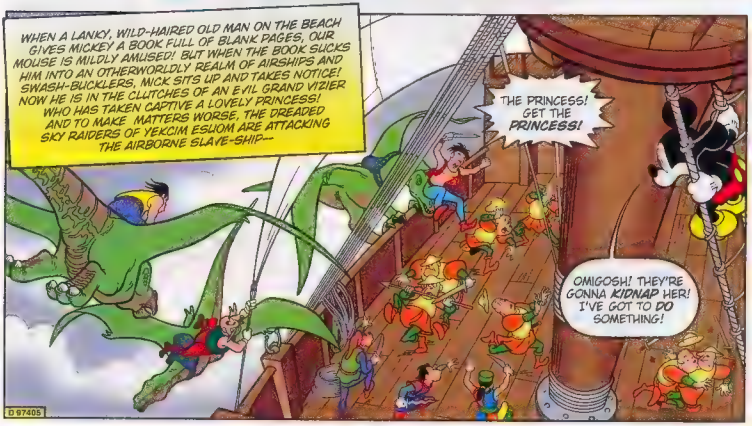
WHEN A LANKY, WILD-HAIRED OLD MAN ON THE BEACH GIVES MICKEY A BOOK FULL OF BLANK PAGES, OUR MOUSE IS MILDLY AMUSED! BUT WHEN THE BOOK SUCKS HIM INTO AN OTHERWORLDLY REALM OF AIRSHIPS AND SWASH-BUCKLERS, MICK SITS UP AND TAKES NOTICE! NOW HE IS IN THE CLUTCHES OF AN EVIL GRAND VIZIER WHO HAS TAKEN CAPTIVE A LOVELY PRINCESS! AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE DREADED SKY RAIDERS OF YEKCIM ESUOM ARE ATTACKING THE AIRBORNE SLAVE-SHIP—
THE PRINCESS! GET THE PRINCESS!
OMIGOSH! THEY'RE GONNA KIDNAP HER! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
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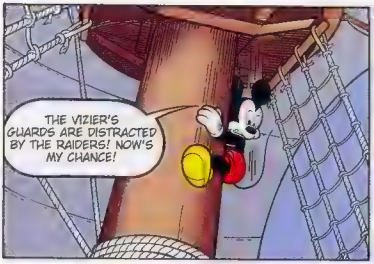
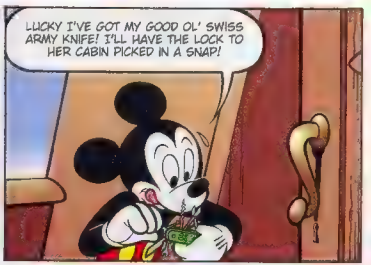
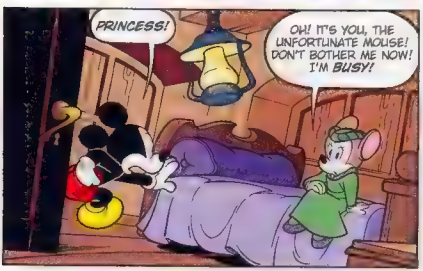
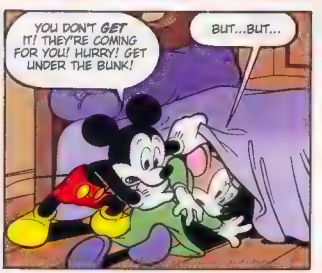
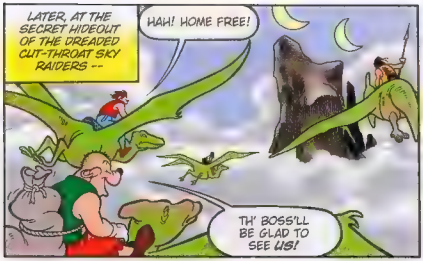


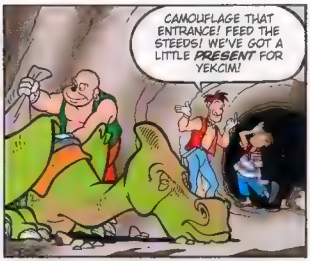


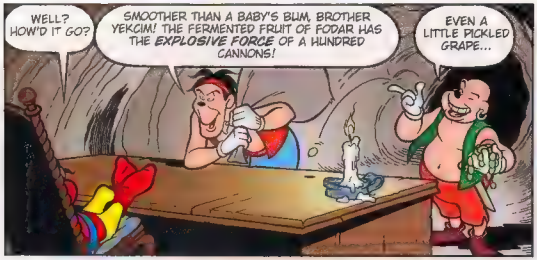




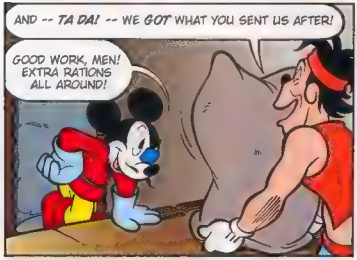
MY PLAN'S ONLY GOING TO WORK IF THE LIGHTS ARE OUT!
MAKE HASTE, MATES! HERE IS HER CABIN!
HOPE YOU PACKED YOUR BAGS, LADY! WE'VE GOT YOU NOW!
ARG! 'TIS BLACK AS PITCH IN HERE!
I'VE GOT HER!
QUICK! INTO THE SACK WITH HER!
YEKCIM ESUOM WILL BE PLEASED! WE'VE BAGGED OUR PRIZE!
SHUT YER YAP AND MOVE!
THE RAIDERS ARE ESCAPING! WHERE'S THE PRINCESS? DID THEY GET HER?
NO SIR! SHE'S RIGHT HERE! WE FOUND HER COWERING UNDER HER BUNK!
GOOD!
I'M GLAD YOU DECIDED TO STAY, MY LADY! AND I'M SURE YOU'LL JUST LOVE YOUR NEW HOME-- IN YOUR FATHER'S DUNGEON!

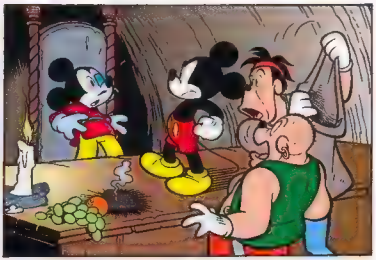

LATER, AT THE SECRET HIDEOUT OF THE DREADED CUT-THROAT SKY RAIDERS --
HAH! HOME FREE!
TH' BOSS'LL BE GLAD TO SEE US!

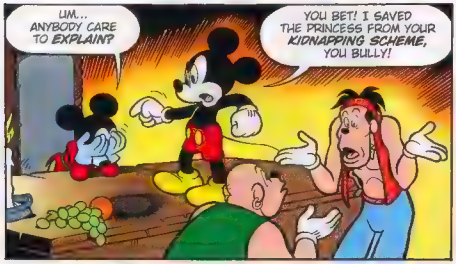

CAMOUFLAGE THAT ENTRANCE! FEED THE STEEDS! WE'VE GOT A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YEKCIM!


WELL? HOW'D IT GO?
SMOOTHER THAN A BABY'S BUM, BROTHER YEKCIM! THE FERMENTED FRUIT OF FODAR HAS THE EXPLOSIVE FORCE OF A HUNDRED CANNONS!
EVEN A LITTLE PICKLED GRAPE...

...PACKS A WALLOP!
BA BOOM!

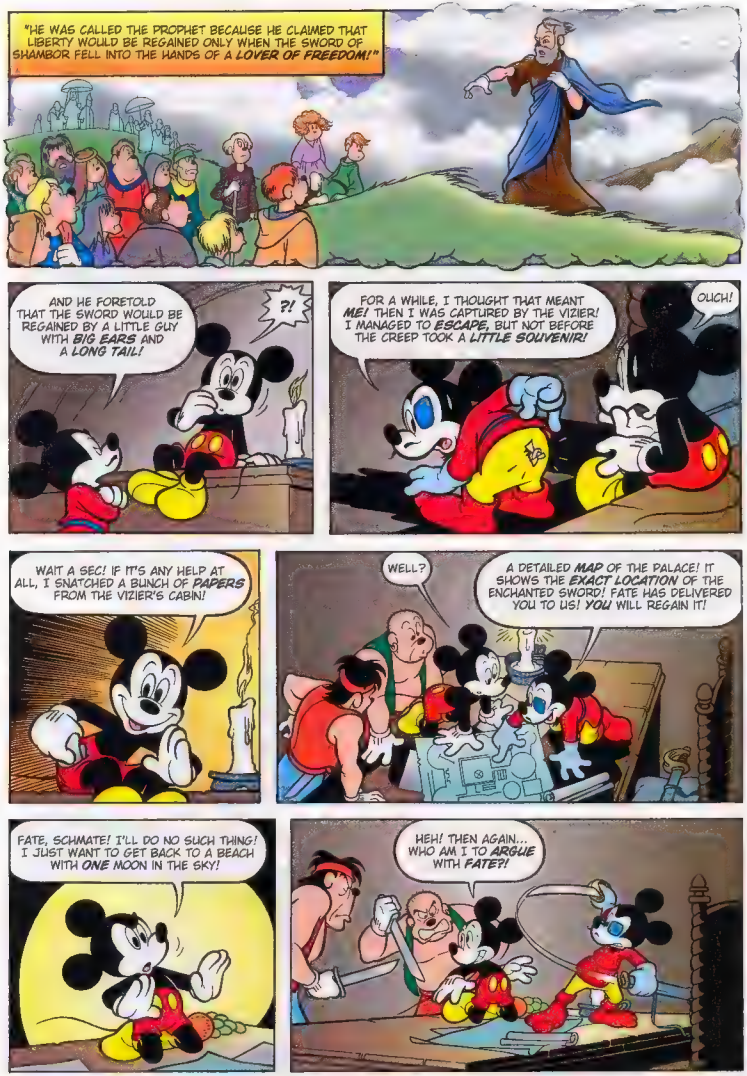

AND -- TA DA! -- WE GOT WHAT YOU SENT US AFTER!
GOOD WORK, MEN! EXTRA RATIONS ALL AROUND!



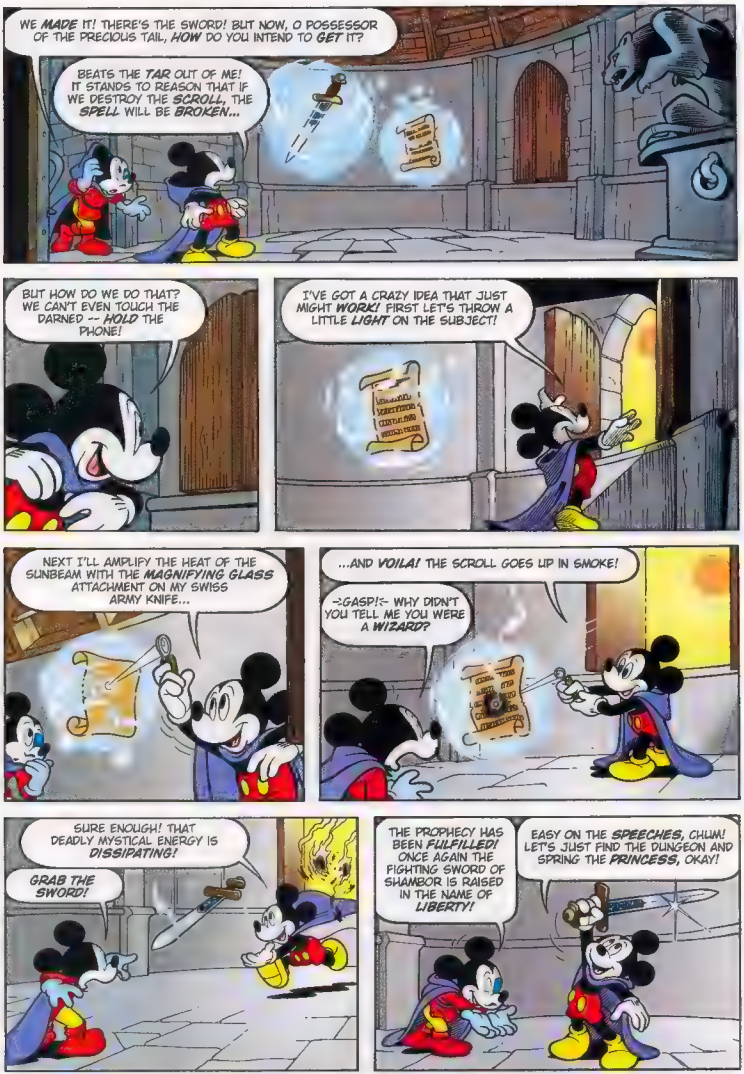

UM... ANYBODY CARE TO EXPLAIN?
YOU BET! I SAVED THE PRINCESS FROM YOUR KIDNAPPING SCHEME, YOU BULLY!

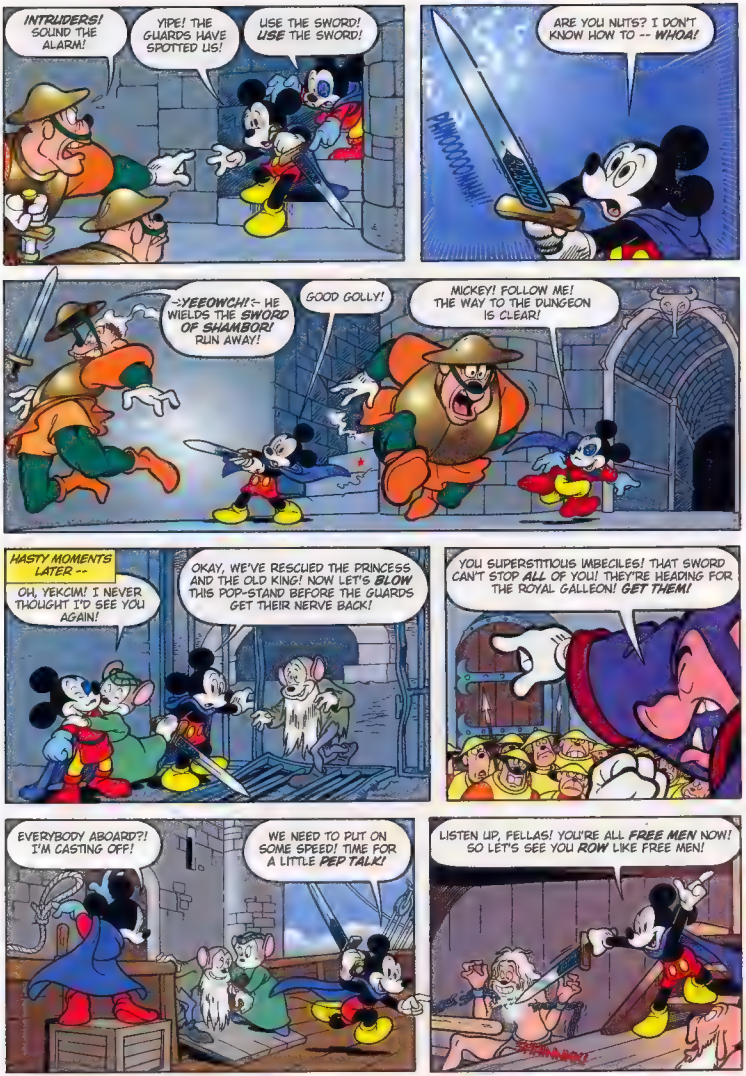
IDIOT!! WE WEREN'T TRYING TO KIDNAP HER! WE WERE TRYING TO RESCUE HER!
HUH?!

RUH-RUH-RESCUE HER? FROM WHO?
WHO DO YOU THINK, YOU BIG-EARED BUFFOON?! THE GRAND VIZIER!
"A GENERATION AGO, THAT SLEAZEBALL TOOK CONTROL OF THE KINGDOM OF SHAMBOR BY CASTING A MESMERIZING SPELL ON THE OLD KING!"
"THE FIGHTING SWORD OF SHAMBOR -- MYSTIC WEAPON OF THE KING AND SYMBOL OF PROSPERITY IN THE LAND -- WAS LIKEWISE ENCHANTED!"
"IT AND THE SCROLL OF ENCHANTMENT WERE HIDDEN DEEP IN THE PALACE! BOTH ARE PROTECTED BY MAGICK THAT BRINGS INSTANT DOOM TO ANY WHO TOUCH THEM!"
"AS A BABY, THE PRINCESS WAS SPIRITED AWAY BY HER LOYAL NURSE! SHE GREW UP TO BE A LEADER OF THE RESISTANCE! BUT NOW SHE'S THEIR PRISONER!"
THE PRINCESS ALSO HAPPENS TO BE MY SWEETHEART! SHE SHOULD BE AT MY SIDE RIGHT NOW! BUT WHAT DO I GET? I GET YOU!
HEY, BOSS! THIS SCHMUCK'S GOT A TAIL! YA DON'T THINK HE'S THE ONE FORETOLD IN THE PROPHECY, DO YA?
NOT AGAIN! WHAT'S ALL THIS MALARKEY ABOUT A PROPHECY?!
EARLY IN THE VIZIER'S REIGN, A STRANGER FROM ANOTHER WORLD APPEARED IN SHAMBOR! A WEIRD FELLOW WITH WILD HAIR...
THE OLD MAN ON THE BEACH!


"HE WAS CALLED THE PROPHET BECAUSE HE CLAIMED THAT LIBERTY WOULD BE REGAINED ONLY WHEN THE SWORD OF SHAMBOR FELL INTO THE HANDS OF A LOVER OF FREEDOM!"
AND HE FORETOLD THAT THE SWORD WOULD BE REGAINED BY A LITTLE GUY WITH BIG EARS AND A LONG TAIL!
?!
FOR A WHILE, I THOUGHT THAT MEANT ME! THEN I WAS CAPTURED BY THE VIZIER! I MANAGED TO ESCAPE, BUT NOT BEFORE THE CREEP TOOK A LITTLE SOUVENIR!
OUCH!
WAIT A SEC! IF IT'S ANY HELP AT ALL, I SNATCHED A BUNCH OF PAPERS FROM THE VIZIER'S CABIN!
WELL?
A DETAILED MAP OF THE PALACE! IT SHOWS THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE ENCHANTED SWORD! FATE HAS DELIVERED YOU TO US! YOU WILL REGAIN IT!
FATE, SCHMATE! I'LL DO NO SUCH THING! I JUST WANT TO GET BACK TO A BEACH WITH ONE MOON IN THE SKY!
HEH! THEN AGAIN... WHO AM I TO ARGUE WITH FATE?!

AND SO --
WELL, I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, YEKCIM! YOU HATCHED A GOOD PLAN! THE VIZIER MIGHT EXPECT AN ATTACK FROM THE SKY RAIDERS, BUT HE'S NOT GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR US IN A TINY LITTLE SKIFF!
STEER FOR THE UNDERSIDE OF THE PALACE! ACCORDING TO THE MAP, THERE'S A SERVICE DRAIN WE CAN DISCREETLY BREACH!
-:YUCK!:- WHAT'S THAT STUFF?
DON'T EVEN ASK!
YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY? IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE BEEN CRAWLING THROUGH THIS SLIMY MUCK FOR HOURS!
...JUST AHEAD...
HAH! THE ROYAL KITCHEN! PERFECT! WE'RE IN THE HEART OF THE PALACE!
THE SWORD OF SHAMBOR SHOULD BE IN THIS ROOM!
THAT OVER-CONFIDENT OAF OF A VIZIER DOESN'T EVEN BOTHER TO POST A GUARD!


WE MADE IT! THERE'S THE SWORD! BUT NOW, O POSSESSOR OF THE PRECIOUS TAIL, HOW DO YOU INTEND TO GET IT?
BEATS THE TAR OUT OF ME! IT STANDS TO REASON THAT IF WE DESTROY THE SCROLL, THE SPELL WILL BE BROKEN...
BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT? WE CAN'T EVEN TOUCH THE DARNED -- HOLD THE PHONE!
I'VE GOT A CRAZY IDEA THAT JUST MIGHT WORK! FIRST LET'S THROW A LITTLE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT!
NEXT I'LL AMPLIFY THE HEAT OF THE SUNBEAM WITH THE MAGNIFYING GLASS ATTACHMENT ON MY SWISS ARMY KNIFE...
...AND VOILA! THE SCROLL GOES UP IN SMOKE!
-GASP!- WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE A WIZARD?
SURE ENOUGH! THAT DEADLY MYSTICAL ENERGY IS DISSIPATING!
GRAB THE SWORD!
THE PROPHECY HAS BEEN FULFILLED! ONCE AGAIN THE FIGHTING SWORD OF SHAMBOR IS RAISED IN THE NAME OF LIBERTY!
EASY ON THE SPEECHES, CHUM! LET'S JUST FIND THE DUNGEON AND SPRING THE PRINCESS, OKAY!


INTRUDERS! SOUND THE ALARM!
YIPE! THE GUARDS HAVE SPOTTED US!
USE THE SWORD! USE THE SWORD!
ARE YOU NUTS? I DON'T KNOW HOW TO -- WHOA!
PHWOOOOOMMM!
-:YEEOWCH!:- HE WIELDS THE SWORD OF SHAMBOR! RUN AWAY!
GOOD GOLLY!
MICKEY! FOLLOW ME! THE WAY TO THE DUNGEON IS CLEAR!
HASTY MOMENTS LATER --
OH, YEKCIM! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN!
OKAY, WE'VE RESCUED THE PRINCESS AND THE OLD KING! NOW LET'S BLOW THIS POP-STAND BEFORE THE GUARDS GET THEIR NERVE BACK!
YOU SUPERSTITIOUS IMBECILES! THAT SWORD CAN'T STOP ALL OF YOU! THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE ROYAL GALLEON! GET THEM!
EVERYBODY ABOARD?! I'M CASTING OFF!
WE NEED TO PUT ON SOME SPEED! TIME FOR A LITTLE PEP TALK!
LISTEN UP, FELLAS! YOU'RE ALL FREE MEN NOW! SO LET'S SEE YOU ROW LIKE FREE MEN!
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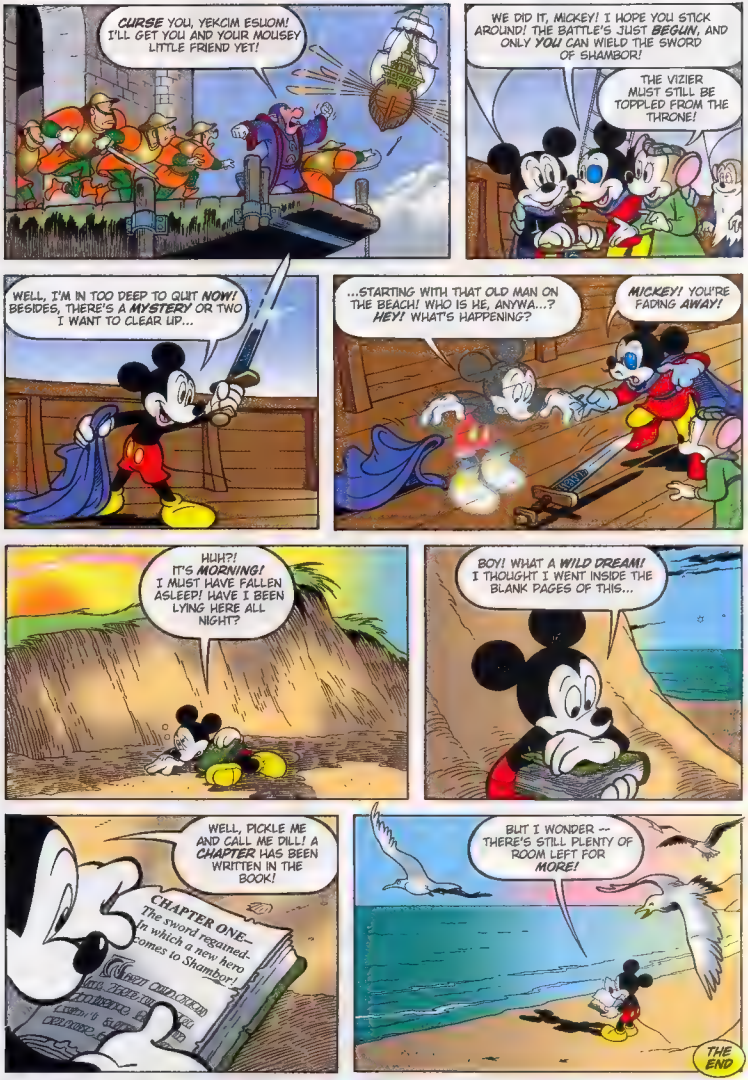
CURSE YOU, YEKCIM ESUOM! I'LL GET YOU AND YOUR MOUSEY LITTLE FRIEND YET!
WE DID IT, MICKEY! I HOPE YOU STICK AROUND! THE BATTLE'S JUST BEGUN, AND ONLY YOU CAN WIELD THE SWORD OF SHAMBOR!
THE VIZIER MUST STILL BE TOPPLED FROM THE THRONE!
WELL, I'M IN TOO DEEP TO QUIT NOW! BESIDES, THERE'S A MYSTERY OR TWO I WANT TO CLEAR UP...
...STARTING WITH THAT OLD MAN ON THE BEACH! WHO IS HE, ANYWA...? HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
MICKEY! YOU'RE FADING AWAY!
HUH?! IT'S MORNING! I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP! HAVE I BEEN LYING HERE ALL NIGHT?
BOY! WHAT A WILD DREAM! I THOUGHT I WENT INSIDE THE BLANK PAGES OF THIS...
WELL, PICKLE ME AND CALL ME DILL! A CHAPTER HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN THE BOOK!
CHAPTER ONE— The sword regained. In which a new hero comes to Shambor!
BUT I WONDER -- THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF ROOM LEFT FOR MORE!
THE END

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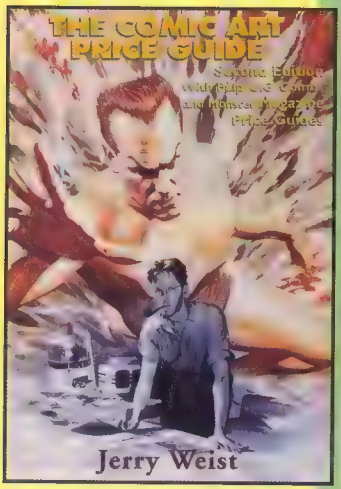

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SO YOU WANNA BE A TOOTH FAIRY, EH?
YOU BET! SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
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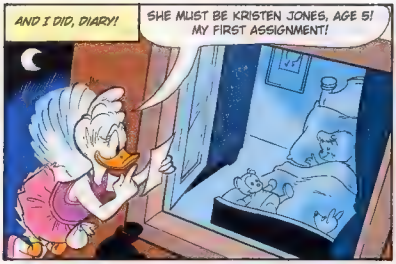
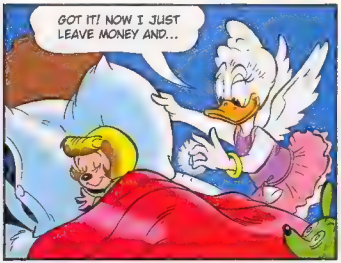
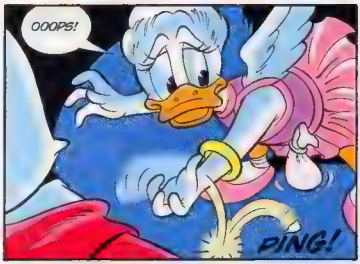
FUN? A TOOTH FAIRY'S LIFE IS VERY DEMANDING! THAT'S WHY NATURAL-BORN FAIRIES QUIT!
MY OWN DAUGHTER HAD HER WINGS REMOVED AND BECAME A...
SO NOW WE HAVE TO HIRE CIVILIANS LIKE YOU! HMPH!
OH! DOES THAT MEAN I HAVE THE JOB?
YEAH! THEY'LL GET YOU FIXED UP DOWNSTAIRS!
T-T-THANKS! :GULP!:

WELCOME TO WARDROBE, HONEY! WHAT SIZE WINGS DO YOU WEAR?
UH, MEDIUM, I GUESS!
PLOP!
TEE HEE! I LOOK SO CUTE! SO ADORABLE! SO...
ENOUGH PRIMPING, MISS DUCK! YOUR MONEY AND ASSIGNMENTS ARE IN THIS PURSE!
OOF!
DUMP THE TEETH HERE AFTERWARDS! AND DON'T LET ANYBODY SEE YOU! ANY QUESTIONS?
Y-Y-YES! HOW DO I FLY?
EASY! JUST TURN ON YOUR WINGS AND FLAP!
OH, MY!
YOU'LL GET THE HANG OF IT!
CRASH!


AND I DID, DIARY!
SHE MUST BE KRISTEN JONES, AGE 5! MY FIRST ASSIGNMENT!


GOT IT! NOW I JUST LEAVE MONEY AND...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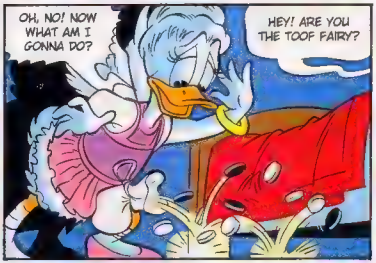
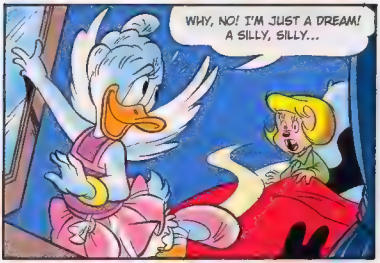
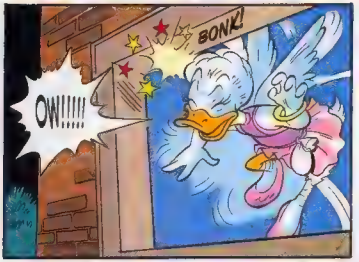

OH, NO! NOW WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
HEY! ARE YOU THE TOOF FAIRY?


WHY, NO! I'M JUST A DREAM! A SILLY, SILLY...


BONK!
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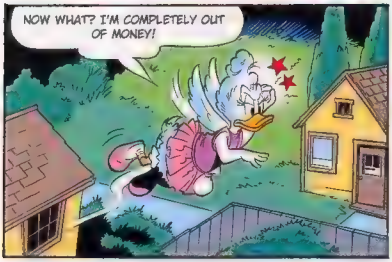
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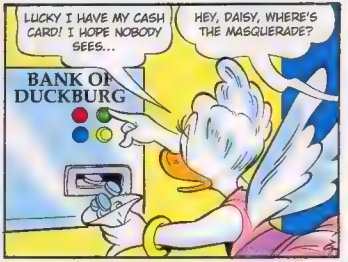
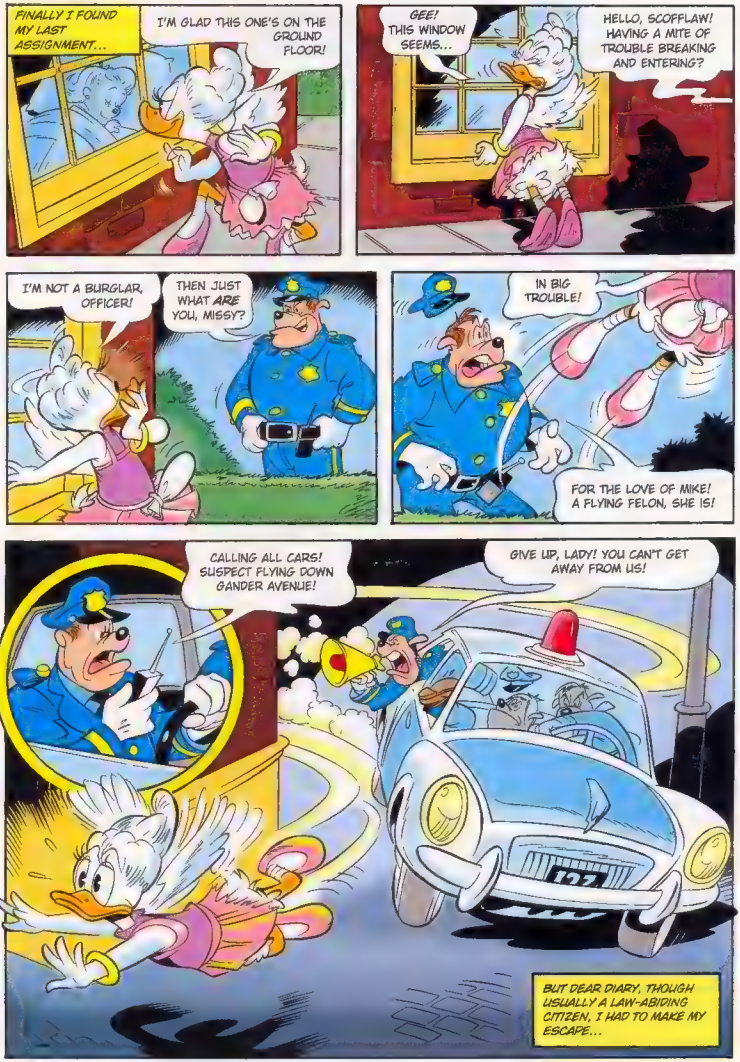

LUCKY I HAVE MY CASH CARD! I HOPE NOBODY SEES...
HEY, DAISY, WHERE'S THE MASQUERADE?
BANK OF DUCKBURG

AND WHY WASN'T I INVITED?
BANK OF DUCKBURG
ER...DAISY? WHO'S DAISY?
OUT OF MY WAY, MASHER!
BUT YOU LOOK LIKE...OWW!
THUMP!
MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT WENT WELL... AT FIRST!
THERE! THAT'S THAT! ONE MORE STOP AND I'M ALL...
...DONE! ~GULP!~
GRROWL!
SHHH, DOGGIE! ARE YOU HUNGRY? WANT A NICE BONE?
UNFORTUNATELY, HE FANCIED SOMETHING ELSE!
RRIP!
MEANIE! I HOPE YOU GET A TUMMY ACHE!


FINALLY I FOUND MY LAST ASSIGNMENT...
I'M GLAD THIS ONE'S ON THE GROUND FLOOR!
GEE! THIS WINDOW SEEMS...
HELLO, SCOFFLAW! HAVING A MITE OF TROUBLE BREAKING AND ENTERING?
I'M NOT A BURGLAR, OFFICER!
THEN JUST WHAT ARE YOU, MISSY?
IN BIG TROUBLE!
FOR THE LOVE OF MIKE! A FLYING FELON, SHE IS!
CALLING ALL CARS! SUSPECT FLYING DOWN GANDER AVENUE!
GIVE UP, LADY! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM US!
BUT DEAR DIARY, THOUGH USUALLY A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN, I HAD TO MAKE MY ESCAPE...

AND GUESS WHAT? I GOT AWAY!
HOOT!
HOOT!
HOOT!
AND SOON I WAS BACK AT TOOTH FAIRY CENTRAL...
OUCH!
WHAT A NIGHT! I DECIDED TO RESIGN!
YOU'RE FIRED!
MY BRUISES TOOK A WEEK TO HEAL!
OOOOH! AHHH!
TINA'S TEMPS
THEN, BACK TO WORK!
THIS TIME, I WANT A JOB THAT'S STRICTLY DOWN-TO-EARTH!
OH, WELL! A GIRL'S GOTTA MAKE A LIVING SOMEHOW!
TOP DOGS ARE TOPS!
GET YOUR TOP DOGS HERE!
TOP DOG

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Following is an excerpt from a lengthy letter from Jonathan H. Gray that was actually addressed to ***Walt Disney's Comics and Stories****. But since the opinions expressed are pertinent to all of our titles, and since we're still waiting for letters to* ***Donald Duck and Friends*** *and* ***Mickey Mouse and Friends****, we thought it appropriate to print the portions of Jonathan's letter dealing with the Ducks here, and the portions dealing with the Mouse universe in this month's* ***Mickey Mouse and Friends****. Apologies to Jonathan for the condensing and editing that was necessary to make these excerpts fit.*

It's taken way too long, but thank you for bringing Disney comics back to their home in America. I grew up with my first story being Disney's reprint of Walt Kelly's "The Three Caballeros," and since then my collection has ballooned to include the classic Dell and Gold Key comic books as well as a complete run of the Gladstone *Mickey Mouse* books. It's good to see Disney comics back on the shelves again.

The majority of the European stories have never really interested me (usually the only exception being those drawn by Daniel Branca, because those tend to be of better quality, writing and art wise), but the stories by Geoffrey Blum (*in* ***Walt Disney's Comics and Stories*** *— Ed.*) have been pretty good so far. I see the point he was trying to make with "World Wide Witch" (***WDC&S*** 634) even though it felt a wee bit overboard in spots, but so far "Dime and Dime Again" (***WDC&S*** 320 and 321) has been very nice. I hope to see a lot more of his stories (preferably with Branca or Carlos Mota), as he tends to pen a good tale.

Since Gemstone's license calls for producing stories with the classic set of characters and since Uncle Scrooge is a classic character and Gladstone used to print stories from this series, is there any chance of seeing some *DuckTales* stories in the comic books? I know quite a number of stories were produced and the series is a huge part of Scrooge history, for better or worse. I'm not asking for the other modern day characters because I know you don't have a license to do them, but many *DuckTales* stories could feasably find a home in the new Scrooge book and in others. I'm certain a lot of people would greatly appreciate seeing them again. Yes *DT* isn't classic Scrooge, but you have printed *DT* stories before in the past and the 64-page books (*WDC&S* and *Uncle Scrooge*) would be a good place to print and/or reprint some good old *DuckTales* material for variety's sake. I'm asking you to reprint Disney's entire "Gold Odyssey" story (though that would be nice!) but just a few. Maybe even one or two William Van Horn Gladstone stories as a test run. I'm honestly surprised that Launchpad wasn't kept around in some form as Scrooge's personal flyer once *DT* had passed its prime. I'm especially surprised that William Van Horn never used him again. He wasn't Donald Duck by any means, but he was a nice addition to the Duck universe cast of characters that could work with or without Donald being there. Not to mention it would be a good chance to explain to new readers who, like me, were introduced to the Ducks through *DT*, the differences between the classic Scrooge and the series version. Just a thought. At least consider it or test it, please But if you do, stay away from anything dealing with Bubba Duck. Webby was tolerable, Launchpad was cool, Fenton/Gizmoduck was cool, and giving the Beagles names was understandable, considering it was an animated feature, but Bubba and Tootsie are the worst ideas ever and should be avoided!

Artists I'd like to see during this new run of Disney are Giorgio Cavazzano (especially him), Romano Scarpa, Floyd Gottfredson, Paul Murry, Dick Moores, Daniel Branca, Marco Rota (whom we truly don't see enough of), Jack Bradbury, Cesar Ferioli, and lastly, Carlos Mota who drew "Dime and Dime Again." I like his work. He's a keeper.

Jonathan H. Gray
via email

Thanks for your comments Jonathan. We'll take your suggestions into consideration.

Most of the artists you've mentioned will see print in our various titles in the fullness of time. If you've been picking up all our books, you've already seen Branca, Ferioli, Mota, and Scarpa. And look for a Paul Murry Chip 'n' Dale tale in our up-coming ***Christmas Parade*** *#1.*

By now, you know that a Launchpad story was included as a back-up in ***Mickey Mouse and Friends*** *#258, and look for reprints of some of Van Horn's* ***DuckTales*** *stories coming up soon. I hadn't really considered reprinting any of the great* ***DuckTales*** *adventures written by Marv Wolfman and drawn by the Jaime Diaz Studio that were published by Disney in the early 1990s, as I thought they were too recent to consider for reprinting yet. But maybe I'm off base. How many others out there would like to see some of those stories reprinted?*

—John Clark

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